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SPICE PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total production of various variety of spices in the country during the last three years;

(b) the details of the total consumption of spices in the country;

(c) the total value of export of spices both in quantity and value during the said period; and

(d) the steps being taken to boost export of spices and give special incentives to the spice exporters in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): According to the latest available data, the total production of spices in the country during the years 2000-01 and 2001-02 was 2873.18 thousand tonnes and 3172.71 thousand tonnes respectively. According to the latest available data, production of major spices in the country is as below:-

Name of the Spice	Production (in Thousand Tonnes)		
	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Pepper	63.67	62.44	63.95(P)
Cardamom	14.5	17.8	15.6(P)
Chilli	983.7	1069.0	896.9(P)
Ginger	288.0	318.6	NA
Turmeric	714.3	562.8	573.9(P)
Garlic	247.1	386.3	411.4(P)
Coriander	231.3	319.4	164.9(P)
Cumin	128.5	196.8	NA
Fennel	26.1	26.0	NA
Fenugreek	45.9	127.9	NA
Clove	1.5	1.6	NA
Nutmeg	2.3	2.5	NA
Saffron	0.004	0.008	NA

(P)Provisional Source: Department of Agriculture & Cooperation
(NA) Not available

(b): The data for domestic consumption of spices in the country is not maintained. However, according to rough estimates (estimated production less estimated exports), the domestic consumption of major spices in the country during the year 2001-02 was 29,29,507 tonnes.

(c): Estimated export of spices during the last three years is as below:-

Year	Export	
	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs. crores)
2001-02	243,203	1940.55
2002-03	264,107	2086.71
2003-04	246,566	1905.09
2004-05(April-February)	303,166	1866.29

Source: Spices Board.

(d): Steps taken to boost export of spices include post harvest improvement through training and infrastructure development; trade

promotion; extending support for upgradaton of technology; introduction of high tech spice processing, setting up/ upgradation of laboratories, accreditation of units in Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) / Hazard Assessment and Critical Control Process (HACCP) / International Standards Organisation (ISO), packaging development, printing of business brochures, business tours abroad, sending business samples abroad; support for organic farming of spices; award of Spice House Certificate and Indian Spices Logo for popularising good manufacturing practices, good hygienic practices and branded spice products.